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Mr. Jim Luce, Chairman
Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council
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ENERGY FACILITY SITE
EVALUATION COUNCIL

Dear Mr. Luce:

This is to inform you that I have reviewed the Council's Order No. 772 and agree with the recommendation of the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council that Wallula Generation L.L.C.'s application for site certification be approved. Pursuant to RCW 80.50.100, I have signed and executed the enclosed Site Certification Agreement.

I want to commend the Council, the applicant and all parties for their efforts in reaching agreement on areas of concern prior to the administrative hearing. I believe this applicant's approach to the siting process, which sought to ensure proactively that public and environmental concerns are addressed, can serve as a useful model for others seeking prompt review of site certification requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Locke".
Gary Locke
Governor

